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SUBJECT: TURKEY REACTIVATES DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA

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1. REACTIVATION OF TURKEY'S RELATIONS WITH CUBA WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IN ANKARA MARCH 6 AND REPORTED IN SMALL ARTICLES IN A FEW PAPERS MARCH 7. ONE NEWS SOURCE REPORTED THAT TURKISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS
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WOULD BE ACCREDITED TO HAVANA AND CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO SOFIA WOULD BE ACCREDITED TO ANKARA, WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT MISSIONS IN HAVANA AND ANKARA LIKELY TO FOLLOW. SIMILAR STEPS BETWEEN TURKEY AND VIETNAM WERE ALSO REPORTED TO BE EXPECTED.

2. EMBOFF HAS APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS REACTIVATION OF

CUBAN RELATIONS WITH MFA MARCH 7. WE WOULD SPECULATE THAT THE TURKISH DECISION COULD SPRING BOTH FROM PRIMIN ECEVIT'S DESIRE TO SHOW INDEPENDENCE FROM THE U.S. DURING PERIOD OF CONTINUING STRAIN IN U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS AND FROM HIS NEED FROM TIME TO TIME TO MAKE GESTURES TO PACIFY HIS PARTY'S LEFT WING AND UPHOLD HIS OWN LEFTIST CREDENTIALS. ECEVIT'S LONG-STATED GOAL OF IMPROVING TURKEY'S THIRD-WORLD TIES, AND A DESIRE TO IMPROVE TIES WITH LIBYA AND IRAQ (TURKEY'S MAIN PETROLEUM SUPPLIERS) COULD ALSO BE INVOLVED.

3. DEPT. MAY WISH TO CONSIDER DISCUSSING IN NATO THOSE ASPECTS OF THE DECISION NOTED IN REFTEL. WE ASSUME THAT IRAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES CONCERNED WITH THE SITUATION IN THE HORN MAY ALSO TAKE AN INTEREST IN TURKEY'S DECISION.
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